



HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

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2019 AGING IN PLACE TAX CREDIT

BEFORE YOU BEGIN, YOU WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION

If you are applying based on “residency” of 40 years or more: You must submit with your application

- **Proof of Age -Must be 65 years of age**
- Copy of your valid Maryland Government issued photo I.D. (Driver's license or MVA issued I.D.)
- First page of deed for dwelling showing ownership interest of applicant
- Six months of a recent utility bills- i.e. BGE, Cable or phone **first page only**

If you are applying as Retired Military with 20 yrs. of ACTIVE service: You must submit with your application

- **Proof of Age- Must be 65 years of age**
- Copy of your valid Maryland Government issued photo I.D. (Driver's license or MVA issued I.D.)
- DD214, certificate of “Retirement”
- Reservist- Chronological statement of Retirement Points
- First page of deed for dwelling showing ownership interest of applicant
- Six months of a recent utility bills- i.e. BGE, Cable or phone **first page only**

If you are applying as the Spouse of a Deceased Retired Military: You must submit with your application

- **Proof of Age- Must be 65 years of age**
- Copy of your valid Maryland Government issued photo I.D. (Driver's license or MVA issued I.D.)
- DD214, certificate of “Retirement” with 20 yrs. of Active service
- Reservist- Chronological statement of Retirement Points
- Copy of Death Certificate for deceased spouse
- Six months of a recent utility bills i.e. BGE, Cable or phone **first page only**

All applicants <u>must</u> complete:	This application is for 1st time applicants <u>ONLY</u>
Date of Application _____	Property Account Number _____
Owner/Applicant's Name _____	Co-Owner _____
Property Address _____	City _____ Zip _____

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, IS TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE. I UNDERSTAND THAT MISINFORMATION OR REFUSAL TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION WHICH IS ESSENTIAL FOR A DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY IS A BASIS FOR DISAPPROVAL OF MY APPLICATION. ALSO, I HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE TO VERIFY/OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION WHICH WILL ASSIST IN DETERMINING MY ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE. I FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IF I QUALIFY FOR THIS TAX CREDIT, I WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AN ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Co-Owner/Applicant

Date

For all inquiries about the Aging in Place Credit Program contact:
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AGING IN PLACE TAX CREDIT - 2019 APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

HOWARD COUNTY CODE SECTION 20.129E

In accordance with the provisions of Section 20-119B of the Howard County Code and §9-258 of the Tax- Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the owner of a dwelling may receive a property tax credit against the County property tax if the property is owned by an individual:

- (1) Who is at least 65 years old and has lived in the same dwelling for at least the preceding 40 years.
OR
- (2) Who is at least 65 years old and is retired member of the Armed Forces of the United States with 20 years of service.
- (3) A surviving spouse, who has not remarried, of an individual described in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

The property tax credit is equal to 20% of the eligible County tax. The eligible County tax is the amount of County tax on the lesser of \$500,000 or the assessed value of the dwelling reduced by the Homestead Tax Credit assessment, after all other credits have been applied.

Dwelling Must be the applicant's principal residence

The credit may be granted for up to five years if the property owner remains qualified. Annual Renewal Statements will be mailed in February of each year and will need to be completed and received by May 1st to continue to receive the credit.

****A property owner cannot receive this credit and the Senior Tax Credit.**

The application must be filed no later than April 1st to be considered in the following tax year.

The following documentation is required for all applicants:

- Copy of a current Maryland issued Government photo I.D
- Copies of six months utility bills i.e. BGE, Cable or phone bill ***first page only (summaries and bill history will not be accepted)***
- An application may later be subjected to audit. In individual cases, other documentation may be requested at the County's discretion.

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Mail completed Aging in Place Credit applications to the address below no later than April 1st

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